

COMMISSION ON CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE

MINUTES

Committee:	CCJJ COMMISSION
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Date:	Thursday, April 10, 2008	Time:	12:00 pm-2:00pm	Place:	Capitol Board Room Capitol Building
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Members Present	Gaby Anderson (for Dan Maldonado), Judge Judith Atherton, Dan Becker, Senator Greg Bell, Paul Boyden (for Lohra Miller), Clark Harms, Chief Mike Larsen, Carol Lear, Holly Martak, Richard McKelvie, Stan Parrish, Reed Richards, Attorney General Mark Shurtleff, Greg Skordas, Rich Townsend
Members Excused	Kay Cornaby, Gary Jorgensen, Judge Elizabeth Lindsley, Sheriff Lynn Nelson, Tom Patterson, Mark Payne
Staff	Scott Carver, Mary Lou Emerson, Reg Garff, Chris Mitchell, Cuong Nguyen, Ned Searle, Monica Taylor, Dave Walsh, Doreen Weyland, Bob Yeates, Richard Ziebarth

Agenda Item:	Welcome and Approval of Minutes
Notes:	<p>Stan Parrish welcomed all present.</p> <p>Motion: Dan Becker made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of February 14, 2008. The motion was seconded by Rich Townsend and passed unanimously.</p>

Agenda Item:	JABG Grant Application Approval
Notes:	<p>Reg Garff reviewed the 2008 Proposed Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) budget recommendations, which were developed in conjunction with Dan Becker and Dan Maldonado. He said this year they will receive approximately \$490,000. These recommendations would allow the courts to receive \$197,000 and Juvenile Justice Services to receive \$270,000.</p> <p>Motion: Dan Becker made a motion to approve the 2008 JABG budget recommendations. The motion was seconded by Holly Martak and passed unanimously.</p>

Agenda Item:	JAG Supplemental Appropriation Update & FY08 Budget Proposal
Notes:	<p>Richard Ziebarth reviewed the FY 09 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) budget recommendation, which is to distribute all funding to the task forces since the funding has been cut by 67%. He said there are a couple of efforts underway to get this funding restored and if it does get restored he can return to the Commission for further approval.</p> <p>Motion: Chief Mike Larsen made a motion to approve the JAG budget recommendation. The motion was seconded by Greg Skordas and passed unanimously.</p> <p>Richard also reported there is a stand alone bill in the House of Representatives, H.B. 5180, which recommends restoring \$490 million to the Federal Justice Assistance Grant</p>

	Program. This would bring the total for the program up to \$650 million this year and would give Utah approximately \$2.5 to \$3 million, depending on earmarks.
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Agenda Item:	Monday Legislative Review Meetings
Notes:	Stan Parrish reported a number of Commission members attend meetings on Mondays during the legislative session to discuss pending legislation and give feedback to legislators. He asked the Commission if these meetings are effective, what can be done differently to make them more effective and how effective are they with the legislators. These questions were discussed and the Commission members commented that these meetings are extremely effective. It was suggested they start to meet a couple of months prior to the legislative session to review legislation sooner; legislators would be appreciative. Bob Yeates said CCJJ follows the subcommittee agendas and usually knows what's coming, but some bills are filed at the last minute and are usually the more problematic ones. Bob asked when should the meetings start and it was suggested to meet once a month starting in October or November. One comment made was meetings shouldn't be held before we have actual bills to review and Paul Boyden said they should have solid drafts by then. It was suggested to assign CCJJ staff or Commission members to monitor different interim meetings and call meetings as needed. Stan asked that a policy be created to outline and frame these meetings.

Agenda Item:	Budget Update
Notes:	Dave Walsh reported a lot of the entities on the Commission go through the Criminal Justice Subcommittee. One thing that was different in the Subcommittee this year was when priorities were being finalized the list ended up being priorities of the two subcommittee chairs. They noticed some of the "must fund" items ended up further down the priority list. It is important to continue to work with subcommittee chairs to make sure those prioritizes are emphasized. Dave also reported one of the disappointments for CCJJ was that no additional money was given to the crime victim reparations fund for victims; this issue will need to be addressed again next year. He said one thing that affects state employees is the premium cost for PEHP Preferred care, which will increase dramatically. The money saved by employees switching to PEHP Advantage or Summit care will give state employees a 2% COLA, which will be in addition to the 3% already approved. Dave also said on the last night of session CCJJ and the Attorney General's Office noticed a negative appropriation, this took \$400,000 in the current year and one million dollars next year out of the Sexual Exploitation of Children Program (SECP). This was done because not all of last year's funds were appropriated. The Attorney General's Office, John Nixon, CCJJ, and Representative Ron Bigelow will meet to discuss how this should operate in the future.

Agenda Item:	Annual Meeting Planning
Notes:	<p>The annual meeting date was changed to Friday, October 3rd and will be held at the Miller Public Safety Education Training Center at Salt Lake Community College.</p> <p>Bob Yeates asked the Commission what research studies they would like to have presented at the annual meeting. Studies included, Jail as a Condition of Probation, Sentencing Inflation, Implementation of DORA, Mentally Ill Offender, Psychotropic Medications, Project 180, and Juvenile Drug Court. It was suggested that a good</p>

	amount of time be carved out on the agenda for presentations on these studies. A comment was made that the Jail as a Condition of Probation study should be presented to the Commission before the October meeting. Other agenda items mentioned were, update on where various agencies are on technological advances, VINE expansion, and DUI tracking statewide.
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Agenda Item:	Other Business
Notes:	<p>Stan Parrish reported CCJJ recently completed a legislative performance audit and some concerns on compliance were raised. He said CCJJ is in good standing and are working on responding to the Auditor's Office.</p> <p>Scott Carver reported the Criminal Penalty Changes Report has been updated to include new and increased penalties. A copy of this report will be emailed to Commission members. Scott mentioned this report will be presented to the Governor's Office on Monday.</p> <p>Bob Yeates mentioned the Second Chance Act was signed into law yesterday and involves approximately \$330 to \$362 million. This funding is designed for prisoner re-entry, education, substance abuse training, vocational training, and housing. This is an attempt to reduce recidivism rates; we need to decide if we want to pursue this money and what the needs are.</p>

The next Commission Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 12, 2008 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., in the Capitol Board Room, Capitol (2nd floor).